

**GRANITE FALLS
UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST
210 Ninth Avenue
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THE ENCOUNTER
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NOVEMBER

| Responsibility | | | | |
|-----------------------|-------------------|------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|
| | November 3 | November 10 | November 17 | November 24 |
| Usher | Dennis Holtz | Dennis Holtz | Dennis Holtz | Dennis Holtz |
| Usher | Konnie Holtz | Konnie Holtz | Konnie Holtz | Konnie Holtz |
| Fellowship | Helen Stukel | DuWayne/LaVonne Koenen | Ray/Sharon Olson | Sue Selden |
| Fellowship | Sharon Anderson | Paul Ledford | Diane Bakker | Jeff/Sheila VanOverBeke |
| Liturgist | Helen Stukel | Sharon Anderson | Sue Selden | Steve Zumhofe |
| Clean Up | Ron/Marty Bergman | Wayne Kling | Bev Nordang | Gail Rohlik |
| Clean Down | Gail Rohlik | Gail Rohlik | Gail Rohlik | Gail Rohlik |

Please have the church cleaned by the listed date.

WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS

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| Nov 3 | Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4, Psalm 119:137-144 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4; 11-12; Luke 1-:1-10 |
| Nov 10 | Haggai 1:5b-2:9, Psalm 145-1-5, 17-21 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17, Luke 20:27-38 |
| Nov 17 | Isaiah 65:17-25, Psalm 98 Thessalonians 3:6-13, Luke 21:5-19 |
| Nov 24 | Jeremiah 23:1-6, Psalm 46 Colossians 1:11-20, Luke 23:33-43 |

CIRCLE OF STONES



WHEN: Monday Nov 18, 7:00 pm

WHERE: Home Of Pearl Lenzen
678 10th St

WHO: Women of the church and friends

WHAT: Bring a Bible, any translation.
Studying Women of the Old Testament

THE HEIFER PROJECT

The Heifer Project works in 25 countries and has for over 70 years. Their approach involves enhancing the capacity of vulnerable small-scale farmers, especially women, to secure their livelihoods.

Our collection of noisy offering on the third Sunday of each month goes toward buying animals to support this endeavor. In December of each year we ask the children in the congregation to pick out which animals they would like to "buy" that year. In 2017 this was 1 llama/Alpaca, 1 pig, 1 flock of Chicks and 1 Duck/Geese.

We encourage you to save your change (but we will gladly accept bills) for this monthly mission.

November Birthdays

November 4 Audrey Zempel
Jerry Koepke
November 5` Bea Read
November 10 John (Snig) Halling
November 17 Cheri Fjermestad
November 23 Sherri Gatchell
November 25 Peggy Mooney
Butch Olson
November 27 Bryan Mooney
November 28 Linda Bukowski



November Anniversaries

November 10 Jerry & Sheila Koepke
November 17 Duane & Deb Mead





November Calendar

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|---------------|---------------|-----------------------------|----------------|
| Sun | Nov 3 | Worship | 9:00am |
| | | Communion | |
| | | Sunday School | 10:00am |
| Wed | Nov 6 | Worship Committee | 5:00pm |
| | | Choir Rehearsal | 7:00pm |
| Sunday | Nov 10 | Worship | 9:00am |
| | | Sunday School | 10:00am |
| Wed | Nov 13 | Confirmation | 6:00pm |
| | | Choir Rehearsal | 7:00pm |
| | | Church Council | 8:00pm |
| Sunday | Nov 17 | Worship | 9:00am |
| | | Noisy Offering | |
| | | Sunday School | 10:00am |
| Monday | Nov 18 | Circle of Stones | 7:00pm |
| Wed | Nov 20 | Confirmation | 6:00pm |
| | | Choir Rehearsal | 7:00pm |
| Sunday | Nov 24 | Worship | 9:00am |
| | | Sunday School | 10:00am |
| Wed | Nov 27 | Thanksgiving Service | 7:00pm |
| Sat | Nov 30 | Decorate the Church | 9:30am |

NEWS AND NOTES

Whenever you can't reach anyone in the church office please call Pastor Randy Moe @ 612-296-1210 or Karen Moe @ 612-296-7072.

They will either handle the situation or know who is on call. Thank you for your understanding.

Invitations

Sunday November 3rd, 4:00 pm. A concert by the Woodbury Chorus and Orchestra at Hawk Creek Lutheran Church. Free will offering. Check out the east door window for details.

Saron Lutheran Church Annual Bake Sale, Silent Auction & White Elephant Sale—Saturday November 9th 9-11am at the Montevideo Community Center. Join us for a morning of Shopping, Fellowship, Coffee and Rolls.

If you noticed in the church calendar we are having a Thanksgiving Eve Service here at the church at 7:00pm on the 27th. We have invited Granite Falls Lutheran and St. Andrews Catholic Church to join us. We will be having a choir and anyone can join us. Practice will be on the 13th and 20th here at the church. Come and bring your friends and family.

Granite Falls United Church of Christ (Congregational) Council Minutes September 11, 2019 at 8:00 PM

Meeting called to order at 8:00 PM by Moderator John Butterbrodt.

Council members present: John Butterbrodt, Sharon Anderson, Dennis Holtz, Konni Holtz, Peggy Kvam, Steven Zumhofe and Spencer H. Kvam. Also present Randy Moe.

Devotions: Peggy Kvam: "Parable of the Talents"

1. Review, Modify and Approve the Agenda:

Add under Old Business: F. Dehumidifier and Air Conditioner, G. CCL license. Motion by Sharon Anderson seconded by Dennis Holtz, to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried.

2. Minutes of August 14, 2019 Council Meeting: Motion by Peggy Kvam seconded by Sharon Anderson to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.,

3. Committee Reports:

A. Christian Education Committee: Rally Sundaes was September 8, 2019. There is a new student for Christian education. Confirmation classes have started. Christian Education has \$760.00 in the checking account. There is also a Christian Education certificate of deposit with a balance of \$2,712.06. The CE Committee asked for direction whether the certificate of deposit should be renewed or liquidated and deposited in the Christian Education checking account. The consensus of the Council was to liquidate the certificate of deposit on its renewal date and deposit the funds in the Christian Education checking account.

B. Worship, Sanctuary and Membership Committee: Met on August 21, 2019. The committee is going over the membership rolls. The Committee is also looking for ideas for new banners for the sanctuary. If anyone has any ideas or suggestions, please contact the committee. Randy Moe has been using the photo albums to familiarize himself with faces of members and friends of the congregation. The committee will also bring Randy up to date regarding the church schedule regarding Thanksgiving and Advent schedules.

C. Building and Maintenance Committee: Has not met. No report.

D. Stewardship Committee: The mission emphasis for September is Neighbors in Need. The mission emphasis for October will be the Annual Appeal for 2020.

E. Memorials, Bequests and Special Gifts Committee: Has not met. No report.

F. Pastor Parish Committee: Has not met. No report.

G. Wider Church: We purchased a table from Pilgrim Point Camp which has been delivered and paid for. Pilgrim Point is on the real estate market for sale.

Motion by Steven Zumhofe, seconded by Peggy Kvam, to accept the committee reports. Motion carried.

4. Financial Report:

The church has purchased a new air conditioner and a new dehumidifier for \$859.85. The sale of the parsonage has been completed. The payoff of the contract for deed is \$53,603.84.

Motion by Peggy Kvam seconded by Steven Zumhofe to accept the financial report. Motion carried.

5. Pastor's Report: Randy reported that things are going well. Worship services have been going well. He has been doing some visitation of parish members. Randy has inquired of the Minnesota Conference office about being a Creative Justice Church. It appears there are several approaches to being a Creative Justice church and the Conference is working to put us in contact with other congregations. Randy is also working with the Conference Office on his "Authorized Minister" designation.

6. Old Business:

A. Church Bell: Randy Moe and Steven Zumhofe will work on this in the next few weeks.

B. Bell tower ceiling repair: The sheet rock has been installed. It will need to be textured by Alan Zempel.

C. Creative Justice Churches: This will involve connecting with churches which are already working on this issue. We will need to look for opportunities and common ground with other churches.

D. Sale of Parsonage: The pay-off of the contract for deed has been completed. The net pay off to the church is \$53,603.84.

E. Highway cleanup: Scheduled for September 22 following worship services.

F. Dehumidifier and air conditioner: A new dehumidifier and a new window air conditioner have been purchased and installed.

The units seem to be quieter than the prior units. The basement smells better with the new dehumidifier in place. The existing dehumidifier in the kitchen is not working. A second dehumidifier okayed to be purchased.

G. CCL license. It is time to renew the church's license.

7. New Business

A. Piano: It is time to tune the piano in the sanctuary. Consensus of the Council is to tune the piano.

B. A question was raised as to whether we should install air conditioning in the sanctuary of the church. No action taken. The Council asked Dennis Holtz to obtain some quotes for air conditioning.

8. Church use requests: None received.

9. Devotions for Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 9, 2019: John Butterbrodt

10. Motion to adjourn with the Lord's Prayer made by Sharon Anderson seconded by Dennis Holtz. Motion carried.

▲ Challenge has been given to the Congregation!!

Our Confirmation class has written their own statement of faith and creed and challenged us to do the same and share it with those around us. Good Idea!! SOOOO anyone who writes a creed or statement of faith and turns it into the church office - I will print in the next newsletter. Can't wait to see how many we get - or don't get. Theirs is printed below.

Thank you Samone and Kaylia

We Believe

That God is everlasting,

Loving,

All-knowing

And will never turn

His back on us.

We Believe

That Jesus is brave.

He gave His life to save us

From our wrongs,

We Believe

That the Holy Spirit is

With us at all times,

And shines through us.

We Believe

That we can do better than we have been.

We are an original child of God

And like God we care for

The Earth, Ourselves,

Family, Friends, And all living things